

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

[0037] The design of the osmotic pump 10 of the present invention not only works to allow venting of the osmotic composition and dissipation of internal pressure, but the design of osmotic pump 10 of the present invention allows such performance to be achieved without causing a release of osmotic material that would result in discomfort or irritation to the subject. In particular, the components of the osmotic pump 10 are designed to be substantially incompressible. As a result, when the pressure within the osmotic pump 10 builds to the extent that the vent 26 is opened, there is no decompression that may otherwise result in the immediate release of an amount of osmotic material that could result in localized irritation or discomfort. Instead, where the vent 26 included in the osmotic pump 10 is opened, the osmotic composition 14 will typically be delivered from the osmotic pump 10 at a maximum rate that is equal to the maximum release rate provided by the osmotic pump 10. Moreover, as the osmotic composition 14 is released through the vent 26, the osmotic ~~composition 26~~ ~~composition 14~~ becomes more dilute and a smaller osmotic gradient is produced across the semipermeable membrane 22, resulting in an exponential decrease in the mass of osmotic material ~~released~~ ~~released~~ over time. Therefore, in each of its embodiments, the osmotic pump 10 of the present invention not only works to dissipate internal pressure before it becomes undesirably high, but the design of the osmotic pump 10 allows such dissipation to occur in a way ~~the~~ ~~that~~ reduces the risk of discomfort to the subject.